(SRI C. S. HULKOTI)

(*b*) the quantum of wheat grown in the said years;

(*c*) whether there are Research Stations for the Development of the wheat-crop and for investigating the diseases affecting the said crop;

(*d*) the amount spent for the said Reasearch Station in the above said years?

A.—SRI N. RACHIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

	1956-57	1957-58
(*a*)	7,77,417 acres	7,63,237 acres
(*b*)	67,508 tons	73,985 tons

1958-59

(*a*) 7,58,408 acres.

(*b*) 76,252 tons.

(*c*) No. But Research work on wheat-crop is carried on at the 3 Cereal Breeding Stations, *viz.*, Bijapur, Annigere and Bailhongal.

(*d*) In view of reply to (*c*) no separate account for Research on wheat is maintained. About Rs. 2,000 is being spent annually for getting the various hybrid cultures tried at the Research Stations to Mahabaleswar for being tested for wheat rust resistance.

MR. SPEAKER.—I had received a letter from the hon'ble Member Sri J. P. Sarwesh on the last day of the last session of the Assembly, namely, 30th April 1959, in which it was announced that he had joined the P.S.P. Legislature Party. I have now received another letter from him to the effect that he has withdrawn his membership from the P.S.P. Legislature Party.

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE.

SRI N. RACHIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the Hyderabad District Municipalities Octroi Rules, 1959 issued under clause XVIII of sub-section (2) of Section 309 of the Hyderabad District Municipalities Act, 1956 as in force in the Hyderabad Area.

Member's Representation.

†SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Field).—Sir, according to the Rules of Procedure the Government should reply to questions within 15 days. I have sent in 10 questions for the current session and it is more than 26 days now, but none of my questions has come up for answer before the House. There is another provision in the Rules of Procedure that if the Government want more time they should write to the Speaker asking for a further time of 15 days. In any case the total period of time taken should not exceed 30 days. So I want to know from the Speaker whether you have received any letter from the Government that they want more time to answer my questions. I do not understand why none of my questions has come up for answer. I do not know whether the Government want to answer only the questions of the members of the ruling party and not of the opposition. I think that most probably today is the last day of this session. I do not know whether the session is going to be extended. Even if it is extended it might be extended by only one or two days. I do not know what has happened to my questions.

2-30 P.M.

MR. SPEAKER.—I have understood what the Hon'ble Member has said. The point is, I have received a number of letters from Government for extension of time to answer questions. I do not know whether in those letters the questions of Hon'ble Member Sri Arumug am are also involved. I will just look into it. Anyhow I can say this much that the questions tabled by my Hon'ble friend are not going to lapse; they will be taken up next time.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—The House framed the Rules of Procedure. It is for the Government as well as the members to follow the rules. If the Government are not following the rules, it is for the Government of India to remove this Government just as they have removed the Kerala Government under art. 356 of the Constitution. Last time also the Government have